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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements*** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):*

Description, Pages

1-17 as originally filed

Claims, Numbers

1-16 as originally filed

- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing
3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
 - ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
 - ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
 - ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*):
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages
 - ☐ the claims, Nos.
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	
	No: Claims	1-18
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-18
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7):

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:

- D1 : EP 0 924 226 A (TARGOR GMBH) 23 June 1999 (1999-06-23)
D2 : US 5 332 706 A (SHIRODKAR PRADEEP P ET AL) 26 July 1994 (1994-07-26)
D3 : WO 96/34020 A (EXXON CHEMICAL PATENTS INC) 31 October 1996 (1996-10-31)
D4 : KAMFJORD T ET AL: "Supported metallocene catalysts prepared by impregnation of MAO-modified silica by a metallocene /monomer solution" MACROMOLECULAR: RAPID COMMUNICATIONS, WILEY VCH, WEINHEIM, DE, vol. 19, 1998, pages 505-509, XP002222295 ISSN: 1022-1336
D5 : US 6 291 611 B1 (PALMQVIST ULF ET AL) 18 September 2001 (2001-09-18)
D6 : WO 98/45337 A (PEIL KELVIN P ; DOW CHEMICAL CO (US); WILSON DAVID R (US)) 15 October 1998 (1998-10-15)

2 Novelty

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT. Document D3 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document): problem: 1) in example 3 (page 17) the preparation of a supported metallocene. The supported polymerization catalyst system comprises:
a porous support (Silica Davison 948)
a polymerization catalyst (bis(1,3-methyl-n-butylcyclopentadienyl)zirconium dichloride)
a cocatalyst (MAO)
and an inert material (Multiwax 195 M);
As a consequence, the subject-matter of claims 1-10,12,13,16-18 is not novel towards D3.

2.2 The subject matter of D1, D2, D4-D6 is regarded to be relevant for the question of novelty as well. (The relevant passages are cited in the International search report).

3 Sufficiency of disclosure

The example of the present application discloses a preparation method of a supported metallocene complex. In a first step a ionic compound, a metallocene complex and an activator is supported on silica. In a second step (example 3), the supported catalyst system is contacted with polyisobuene (inert material). The application is missing an example where the porous support is treated with the inert material prior to the contact with the other materials (see Guidelines 4.12).